

CMERF—How You Can Support It

DURING THE TEN YEARS OF ITS existence, the California Medical Education and Research Foundation, a subsidiary of the California Medical Association, has demonstrated its capability of engaging in educational and research activities on behalf of the public and professional interest.

CMERF, as physicians of California are well aware by this time, is supporting continuing medical education efforts, is providing funds to medical schools for preceptorship programs, is supporting, each year, four-year college scholarships for five merit and two achievement (minority group) high school graduates interested in entering the health sciences fields, is providing support to continuing medical education departments of medical schools, has partially funded two programs in county medical societies relating to accessibility of care and health information, and has completed studies or engaged in other activities concerned with the social and economic problems of medical care and of medical practice.

The California Medical Education and Research Foundation was established in August of 1961 as a nonprofit, tax exempt, California corporation. On October 29, 1963, the U.S. Treasury Department designated the California Medical Education and Research Foundation as a charitable, educational, and scientific organization under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are deductible by donors as provided by Section 170 of the Code. The activities of CMERF have demonstrated that not only can it provide a stimulus for the initiation of innovative methods for the organization, delivery and financing of medical care to the people of California, it can also help to assure the continuation of many of the projects in medical education which are in integral part of the activities of the California Medical Education and Research Foundation.

Whereas support of our Foundation has previously come from private and public agencies, including the Audio-Digest Foundation, the board of directors now feels that greater efforts should be expended in providing individual physicians and various community organizations with an opportunity to support its work not only in its on-going activities, but for the future as well.

At the conclusion of this article are some of the forms which may be used in making bequests for medical education and research in the social and economic aspects of medical care and medical practice. Physicians are invited to use whichever form represents the expression of their intentions. They are also asked to call this opportunity to the attention of their friends, acquaintances, patients and organizations which may be interested in contributing to the Foundation dedicated to the improvement of the health of the public.

The cooperation of physicians in the fundraising endeavor of the California Medical Education and Research Foundation is most sincerely appreciated.

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Suggested Bequest Forms

The following are some of the forms which may be adapted in making bequests for medical education and research in the social and economic aspects of medical care and medical practice. Prospective donors would be well-advised, however, to consult with their lawyers on the exact language to be used, so that the bequest is a true and legally valid expression of their intentions.

1. To convey a cash bequest to the California Medical Education and Research Foundation (CMERF).

(For use when the object is support of research in general.)

"I give and bequeath to the California Medical Educa-

tion and Research Foundation (CMERF), 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94102, the sum of dollars (\$.....) to be used for medical education and research in the social and economic aspects of medical care and medical practice."

2. To CMERF for general purposes.

(For use when CMERF will apply and allocate the funds, and when the object is support of medical education in general, and research in the social and economic aspects of medical care and medical practice.)

"I give and bequeath to the California Medical Education and Research Foundation (CMERF), 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94102, the sum of dollars (\$.....) to be used, at the discretion of its Board of Directors, for medical education and research in the social and economic aspects of medical care and medical practice."

3. To CMERF for general purposes with expression of intent.

(For use when CMERF will apply and allocate the funds, and when the object is to allow the CMERF to use its discretion in applying the funds in support of medical education and research in the social and economic aspects

of medical care and medical practice, but where the donor wishes to convey his nonbinding desire as to how the funds might be used.)

"I give and bequeath to the California Medical Education and Research Foundation (CMERF), 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94102, the sum of dollars (\$.....) to be used, at the discretion of its Board of Directors, for (medical education) (research in the social and economic aspects of medical care and medical practice).

"However, this expression of my desire is not to limit the ability or right of the Board of Directors to use the money for any other research which it feels more essential."

4. To CMERF for categorical purpose.

(For use when the donor wishes CMERF to restrict the use of his funds to a certain category of research and activity.)

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